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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST U.S. ANGOLAN POLICY

REF: A. KADUNA 45 B. LAGOS 540 C. LAGOS 422

1. DCM CALLED ON DIRECTOR AMERICAN DEPARTMENT AT MEA JANUARY 14 TO DISCUSS RECENT SPATE OF DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING U.S. ANGOLAN POLICY WHICH RESULTED IN MINOR DAMAGE TO U.S. INSTALLATIONS KANO, IBADAN AND LAGOS (REFTEL C). DCM REFERRED TO MOST RECENT INCIDENT IN KANO (REFTEL A).

(NOTE: AT TIME OF TALK WE WERE UNAWARE OF DEMONSTRATION AND MINOR DAMAGE TO USIS FACILITY IN BENIN CITY WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE: LAGOS 540). DCM DESCRIBED TYPE OF DAMAGE, POINTED OUT POLICE IN KADUNA PREVENTED ANY DAMAGE BUT THAT IN OTHER INSTANCES HAD BEEN LESS EFFECTIVE. HE REMINDED MEA OFFICIAL OF FMG'S RESPONSIBILITY PROTECT DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROPERTY.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEMARCH (DIPLOMATIC NOT LEFT WITH MEA), DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHE IN KANO. FOR MOMENT, BELIEVE TODAY'S PROTEST SUFFICIENT. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT OFFICIALS IN CONSTITUENT POSTS CANNOT COMMENT

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ON ADEQUACY OF POLICE PROTECTION THIS PAST WEEK AND EXPRESS HOPE

THAT IN FUTURE DAMAGE WILL NOT RECUR. WE MIGHT NOTE HERE THAT MEA OFFICIAL TOLD DCM THAT GREAT DEAL OF DISCRETION ON HOW TO HANDLE CROWD IS LEFT TO POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE AT SCENE OF DEMONSTRATION. HE SAID THAT ATTEMPTS TO BE TOO STRICT COULD, IN POLICE OPINION, RESULT IN EXACERBATION OF SITUATION.

3. REQUEST IBADAN AND KADUNA SUBMIT COST ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING DAMAGE DONE BY DEMONSTRATORS TO CONSULATE AND USIS PROPERTY, INCLUDING KANO, IN CASE USG MIGHT WISH TO BILL FMG FOR SAME. FOR DEPT: IS IT CUSTOMARY SUBMIT BILL IN SUCH CASES? DOES USG GENERALLY REIMBURSE OR OTHERWISE COMPENSATE FOREIGN EMBASSIES/CONSULATES FOR DAMAGE TO THEIR PROPERTY CAUSED BY U.S. CITIZENS? EASUM

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